



BVC

Our School of Sanctuary Portfolio.

We first met Tiffy Allen from School of Sanctuary on the 28th of October.

She talked to us about what it's like to be a Refugee and how hard it is for them to leave their homes.

She also talked to us about how we should try to include everyone.

Our First Meeting

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This is a of the TY group photo from our first meeting with Tiffy. She talked to us about inclusion and the life of asylum seekers and refugees.



Learn

All students in the school have learned about Refugees, asylum seekers, and people from marginalized communities in our CSPE and SPHE classes.

We invited all of the school community to watch a webinar on Friday the 9th of December. This is very interesting, and we all learned a lot from Tiffy.

Act

The TY students gathered signatures from students for our pledge on Thursday the 8th of November, we got a great response from the school community.

The "In November we remember" committee presented Mrs. Doran with a donation for the school of sanctuary committee

Mr. Jordan ran a mini world cup for junior students

Students have pinned their countries on our "where we are from" map

Mini World Cup Fundraiser

This is a 5th year student presenting the Mini World Cup money to Mrs. Doran.





Our Mini World Cup was a great success. We raised some money and had great fun.

Mini World Cup



Act

We are creating a wall of welcome in our school, this wall contains the words "hello and welcome" in all the languages spoken by people in our school community.

The math's teachers included translations in different languages in the recent math's week challenges.

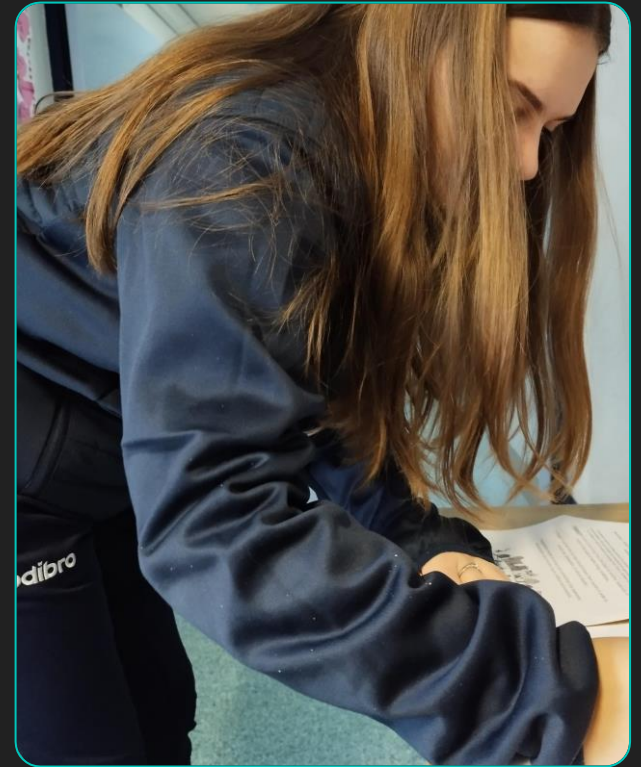
In January we ran a culture day in school where we invite students and their families to display food, crafts, and clothing from their culture.



Our Welcome Wall

Our Pledge

Our pledge is signed by the members of the School of Sanctuary committee. It's basically our rules of School of Sanctuary



Share

We have a notice board in school where we share all of our information about schools of sanctuaries.

We are sharing information on our school Facebook page.

We are running a culture corner in our school newsletter.

So far, we have put the spotlight on Ukraine, Afghanistan, Spain and Waterford.

Share

We invited staff from other schools in Carlow and Wexford into see us in BVC to learn about schools of Sanctuary





Our School of Sanctuary Notice Board

Where We Are From Map

Our new map is a great addition to our school. When a student arrives from a new country, we pin it on the map.



Culture day Presentation

There was a power point presentation to show all our hard work and what we've learned from doing this so far.

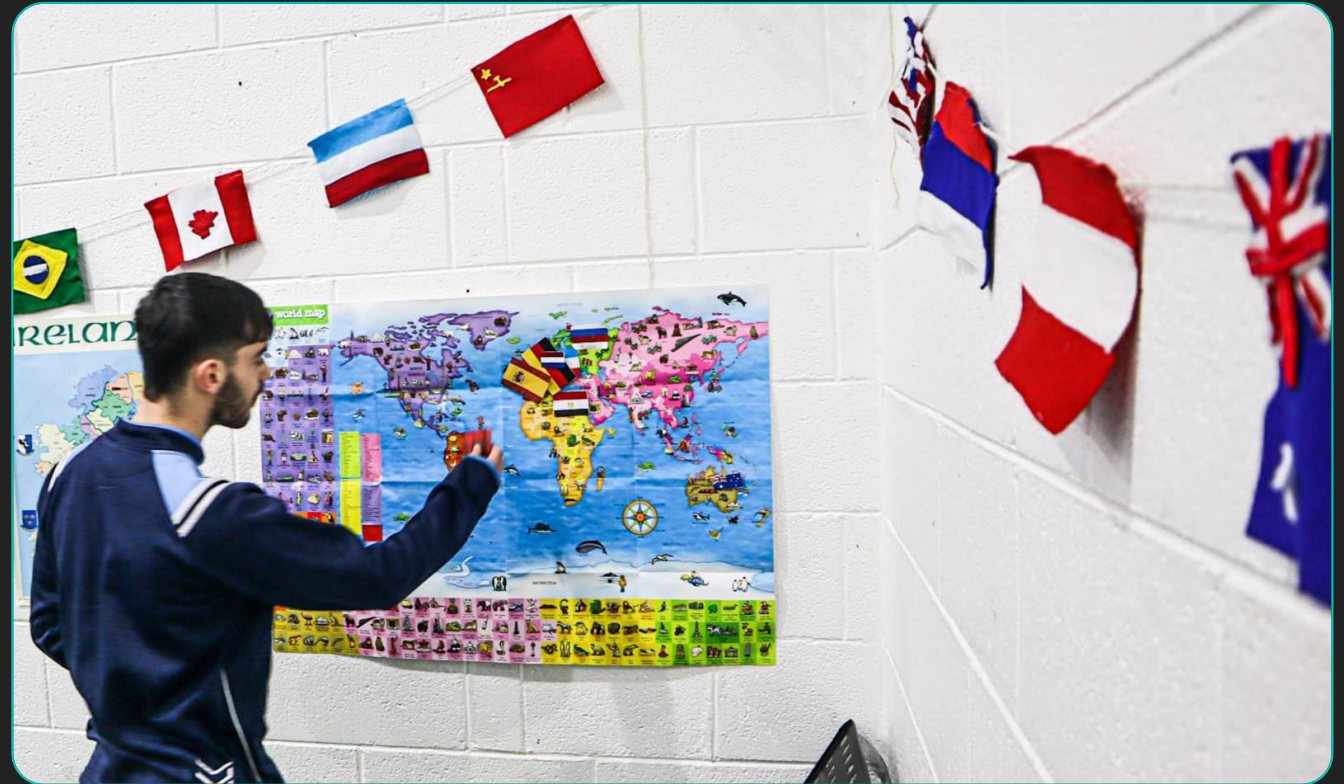
Three TY students, Arnau Planàs, Aoibhe Jordan and Rachel Doyle, presented this power point.



Culture Day Map ceremony

We got students from other countries or counties to put a flag on the map.

We had lots of different places and every country we knew a student was from/has relatives in was included, a flag from that place was put on the map.



Our School of Sanctuary Pledge

Another TY student, Kellie presented our pledge, this said how we would make sure all people in our school community feel safe and accepted.

It is our basic agreement to the school of sanctuary program.



Culture Day Food Hall

We had a food hall experience during our culture day.

We are so lucky that so many parents brought in different dishes from there countries for us to sample.



Traveller culture in our school

Some of the Travellers in our school are making a painting - an art piece celebrating different parts of their culture.



Whole School Movie Day

On Friday, the 10th of February, the whole school will drop everything to watch the movie "The Swimmers".

The Movie is about two Syrian sisters fleeing their war-torn home in Damascus, they swim for hours in choppy Mediterranean seas to reach Greece as asylum seekers before going on to compete at the Rio Olympic Games.

This is our chance to learn about refugees and the dangerous journeys they sometimes must make to reach a land of sanctuary.



School of Sanctuary committee

Whole school Movie afternoon

Friday Feb 10th

We invite the school community to watch this inspirational and insightful movie about the journey of two young refugee girls.

Our Language Wall Helpers

These are the people who helped out with the design of the language wall.

They helped with the design and doing all the translations and producing all the phrases.



Our Language Wall

This is our language wall.

At different times during the year, we are going to pick different topics/themes and have different phrases about that topic in all the languages spoken in the school.

Like our welcome wall it is to help people feel more comfortable in our school.



St. Patrick's Day Theme

For St. Patrick's day this was our design. It says "Happy St Patrick's Day" in all the languages spoken in our school.



Our Mentions

We have been sharing parts of our journey.

<https://www.independent.ie/regional/wexford/lifestyle/students-at-bunclody-vocational-college-celebrate-cultural-diversity-42314922.html>

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Thanks Mrs. Finn!

We would like to thank Mrs. Finn and her class for raising €350 for the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

We had a non-uniform day and anyone who wore their own clothes had to bring €2.



Show racism the red flag

On the 31st of March we are asked students to wear red to help the school fight against racism.



On March 31st
BVC shows racism the red card
Wear red and bring one euro

Our newest competition

We hope to see this competition becoming the center piece of our school of sanctuary celebrations next year.



Afternoon Tea

We have an afternoon tea on at break times on Fridays where anyone can come in and have a chat and a cup of tea. This is a great club because anyone who wants to come can come along. It is a great way to welcome new students to the school. A big thank you to Ms. O' Sullivan for facilitating this great initiative.



Future leader hurling classes

The future leaders are going to teach the international students how to play hurling and present them with a hurl.



COMING NEXT YEAR!!! School of Sanctuary Welcoming committee

This year's 3rd years are signing up to be in next year's School of Sanctuary welcoming committee. These students will focus on helping first students who are new to the country. Many of the students who have signed up to the committee were once in the same position as the students they will be helping - we have students from the Ukraine, Latvia and Poland. WE really think that this will have a very positive impact on our new students.





We are delighted to be on our school of sanctuary journey and are excited to make our next steps.